(b) what is the programme for the expansion of T.V. in U.P. during the next three years, the names of places to be covered under the programme and the percentage of population to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) About 84% population of Uttar Pradesh is covered by TV service against the National average of 70% expected to be achieved on completion of VI Plan schemes.

(b) The 7th Five Year Plan proposals of Doordarshan have not yet been finalised, and will depend upon the availability of resources.

**Indian labourers sent abroad**

2873. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian labourers who have been sent to foreign countries during the last two years: and

(b) the names of those countries where these labourers have been sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Country wise details of Indian Labourers sent abroad during 1983 and 1984 are as under :—

| Country | No. of Workers |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| Bahrain | 34,408 |
| Iraq | 24,399 |
| Jordan | 1,044 |
| Kuwait | 10,956 |
| Libya | 11,079 |
| Oman | 92,318 |
| People's Democratic Republic of Yemen/Yemen Arab Republic | 3,080 |
| Qatar | 12,134 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1,71,314 |
| UAE | 49,845 |
| Singapore | 509 |
| Others | 10,801 |
| TOTAL : | 4,30,917 |

**Preference to cooperatives in distribution of essential commodities**

2874. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to all State Governments to give priority to cooperatives in the distribution of essential commodities in their States;

(b) whether the State Governments have been following this direction; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Government have suggested to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that the cooperatives should be given a large role in distribution of essential commodities under the public Distribution System. In some States, the number of the fair price shops are more in the cooperative sector.

**Import of films by non-resident Indians**

2875. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films imported by non-resident Indians last year